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General Assembly

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10:00 — 58th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

[webcast]

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: Note by the Secretary-General (A/69/300) [item 110]
2. Report of the Security Council (A/69/2) [item 28]
3. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [item 116]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/69/93 and A/69/281)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/69/L.19)

Security Council

15:00 — 7318th meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Peace and security in Africa

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General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Main Committees

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 49th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 64 (a)]

   Continuation and conclusion of action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.24/Rev.1

2. Report of the Human Rights Council [item 63]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.65

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 64 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.23/Rev.1

4. Social development: Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 26 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.11/Rev.1

5. Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situations and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [item 26 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.12/Rev.2

6. Advancement of women [item 27 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.20/Rev.1

7. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 66 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.56/Rev.1

8. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 67]

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.58**

9. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [item 68 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/69/L.50/Rev.1 and A/C.3/69/L.51/Rev.1 and draft amendment thereto contained in A/C.3/69/L.66

10. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [item 68 (c)]

    Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.32 and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/69/L.62

15:00 50th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

Continuation of action on draft proposals remaining from the 49th meeting

[For background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the sixty-ninth session, please *click here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, statements made during the general discussion under each agenda item or cluster of agenda items will be limited to *seven minutes* for individual delegations, and to *15 minutes* for statements made on behalf of a group of delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Third Committee PaperSmart portal (*click here*) at the time of their oral delivery.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/69/2* will be accepted by e-mail.

For inquiries regarding registration for Third Committee QuickPlace, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

10:00 16th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2014- 2015 [item 132]

Strategic Heritage Plan, United Nations Office at Geneva (A/69/417, A/69/417/Corr.1 and A/69/580)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 137 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/69/283, A/69/117, A/69/332 and A/69/572))

15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Interactive dialogue with Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta, Chair of the Secretary General's High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Committee.

Afternoon[1] to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015:	
	Conditions of service: members of the International Court of Justice and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/68/188, A/68/515, A/66/617, A/66/726 and A/66/709); and	
	Construction and property management: Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa (A/69/359 and A/69/415))	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the interactive dialogue of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00	1809th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
International Meeting of Parliamentarians in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace on "The role of parliamentarians in ensuring respect for international law" [webcast]

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will convene a United Nations International Meeting of Parliamentarians in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace on "The role of parliamentarians in ensuring respect for international law", *today*, 21 November 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Meeting is being held within the framework of the International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Speakers will include a representative of the Secretary-General, other United Nations officials, the Secretary-Generals of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Union of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), parliamentarians and others.

All Members and Observers, as well as United Nations staff, agencies and bodies, civil society organizations and media are invited to attend the event. For additional information and to register, please *click here*.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Joint informal interactive session

A joint informal interactive session (closed) of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, with the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations, will be held *today*, 21 November 2014, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-sixth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 21 November 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.34, entitled "Harmony with Nature" (under item 19 (h)) (convened by the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China))

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.31, entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" (under agenda item 19 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Brazil)

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.3, entitled "External debt sustainability and development" (under agenda item 17 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Cameroon)

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.24, entitled "Follow-up to and Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (under agenda item 19 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Jamaica)

From 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.10, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development" (under agenda item 19 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Suriname)

From 13:30 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.18, entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (under agenda item 19 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Guyana)

From 13:30 to 14:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.4, entitled "Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations and the adoption of a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes" (under agenda item 17 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Algeria)

From 14:30 to 16:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.43, entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Paraguay)

From 14:30 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.26, entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries" (under the agenda item 22 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Turkey)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room S-2721BR.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.20, entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy" (under agenda item 19 (i)) (convened by the delegation of Hungary)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.15, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

From 16:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room 2.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.19, entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 19 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Eritrea)

From 16:00 to 17:30, at the Delegates Lounge.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.11, entitled "Information and communications technologies for development" (under agenda item 16) (convened by the delegation of Bulgaria)

From 16:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.59, entitled "A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 66 (a)) (convened by the delegation of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China))

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room C; and from 13:15 to 14:30 in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.29, entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 68 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

From 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C.

Other meetings

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Friday, 21 November 2014

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

09:00 to 10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (Working Group on Amendments)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Other activities

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Friday, 21 November 2014

Symposium on "Education as an Imperative for a Transformative Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda" (in observance of 2014 Universal Children's Day; 25 Years of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 836 (IX)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada; in collaboration with the Friends of Education for African Children Orphaned by AIDS, Medgar Evers College and the University of the District of Columbia)

From 09:30 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or e-mail firstladiesunforum@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174.]

High-level panel discussion on "Violence Against Children in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria and Thailand, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information and for registration, please contact Ms. Daisy Amornvivat, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail daisy.thaimission@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 133).]

Panel discussion on "Data for the sustainable development goals (SDG's): Monitoring Post-2015 progress and implementation" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, the United Nations Foundation and the Leiden University, The Hague Campus)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Anne Poorta, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (e-mail anne.poorta@minbuza.nl). For registration, please contact Ms. Lizan Nijkrake (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9512).]

Update and panel discussion on "Sustainable Energy for All – Progress made" (organized by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium.

[All are invited. For further information and for registration, please contact the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Mr. Trym Oust Sonstad (e-mail events@se4all.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4254)).]

Special event in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November) featuring a book launch entitled "The Palestinians": Photographs of a land and its People from 1839 to the Present Day (organized by the Permanent Mission of Qatar and the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine)

At 18:00, in the East Lounge (Conference Building).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Qatar (tel. 1 (212) 486-9335).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 21 November 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 24 November 2014

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

15:00 59th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [item 36]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/69/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/69/371)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/69/L.21, A/69/L.22, A/69/L.23 and A/69/L.24)

2. The situation in the Middle East [item 35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/69/341)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/69/L.25 and A/69/L.26)

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 19 September 2014 and issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

The updated programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-ninth session was issued on 17 October 2014 in document A/INF/69/3/Rev.1.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, room S-3082, tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; e-mail poliakova@un.org).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Credential of representatives

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, issued in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and signed by the Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs should be delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs (room S-3608).

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 24 November 2014, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (24 November)

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977, will hold a special meeting (367th meeting) in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on Monday, 24 November 2014, from 10:30 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The speakers at the special meeting include the Chair of the Committee, the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, the Chair of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, several intergovernmental organizations, and a representative of civil society.

All Members and Observers, as well as United Nations agencies and bodies, are invited to attend the special meeting. Messages of solidarity should be sent to the Division for Palestinian Rights of the United Nations Secretariat (DC2-2215B). An electronic copy (Word format) may be sent to e-mail (valenzuela2@un.org). Messages will be published in a special bulletin of the Division.

Cultural event

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee in cooperation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine will present a photo exhibit, featuring archival photographs of Palestine refugees over six decades. The opening of the exhibit will be, at 18:00, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. Afterwards, a performance by the Joubran Trio, an award-winning oud troupe playing Palestinian music, will be held at 19:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2014, at 11:00, in Conference Room 1. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to notify the Secretary, in writing (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Special meeting

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold a special meeting, in accordance with resolution 2133 (2014), on "Kidnapping for Ransom and Hostage-Taking Committed by Terrorist Groups" on Monday, 24 November 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to permanent missions, United Nations entities, specialized entities and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Related information is available by *clicking here*.

A side event of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) on "Facilitating technical assistance to Member States on kidnapping for ransom and hostage-taking committed by terrorist groups" will take place on the *same day*, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

For information concerning substantive issues, please contact Mr. Marc Porret, Legal Officer, CTED (e-mail porret@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1107). Questions concerning administrative issues may be addressed to Ms. Roszel Morris, Team Assistant, CTED (e-mail morris6@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1266).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 69 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace" (under agenda item 14) (convened by the delegation of Bangladesh)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.12, entitled "International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources" (under agenda item 19 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Tajikistan)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.31, entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" (under agenda item 19 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Brazil)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.4, entitled "Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations and the adoption of a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes" (under agenda item 17 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Algeria)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.40, entitled "South-South cooperation" (under agenda Item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 16:30 to 18:30, in Conference Room B.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 24 November 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room E.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (Working Group on Amendments)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 26 November 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 26 November 2014, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

High-level interactive launch of the *2014 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons* (pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 64/293) (co-organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Anne Beckmann, UNODC (e-mail beckmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Event on "Contribution to a world without hunger: South-South and Triangular Cooperation in support of the new development agenda" (co-organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and the South-South Steering Committee for Sustainable Development)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office in New York (e-mail lon-registry@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6036; or 1 (212) 963-4669).]

Technical briefing on "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.39) (co-organized by the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Council Affairs (DESA) and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Monday, 24 November 2014, from 17:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room S-2722 BR.

[Members of the Second Committee are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, OESC/DESA (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).]

Panel discussion on "Utilizing Modern Technology in Peacekeeping Operations to Improve Security for Women and Girls" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security)

Tuesday, 25 November 2014, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amiera AlHefeiti, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail a.alhefeiti@mofa.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480).]

Panel discussion on "Twenty-third International Conference on Health and Environment: Our children's world" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Monday, 1 December 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Yaroslav Golitsyn, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail uno_us@mfa.gov.ua; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *November*:

Finding Mandates (English)

General Assembly Documentation (English)

Introduction to United Nations Budget documents (English)

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English)

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources (English)

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Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 19 November 2014

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

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48th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representative [item 68 (c)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-item.

Continuation of action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.33

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft resolution and heard statements after the vote by the representatives of Brazil, Mexico, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Costa Rica.

A statement was also made by the representative of Nicaragua in connection with the draft resolutions submitted under item 68 (c).

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 66 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Slovenia made a statement on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, orally revised the draft resolution, and announced that Belarus, Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Nigeria, the Republic of Moldova and Timor-Leste had joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Montenegro, New Zealand, Palau, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Ukraine and the United States of America also joined the list co-sponsors of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [item 68 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.37/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Austria made a statement and announced that El Salvador, Guatemala, India and the Philippines had joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Israel, Morocco, New Zealand and Senegal joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.47/Rev.1 and draft amendment thereto contained in document A/C.3/69/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland made a statement and announced that Benin had withdrawn as a sponsor and that Burkina Faso and Guatemala had joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Palau and the Timor-Leste joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Action on draft amendment contained in document A/C.3/69/L.64

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the draft amendment submitted to draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.47/Rev.1, as contained in document A/C.3/69/L.64.

The Committee was informed that the draft amendment contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement on behalf of the States members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The Committee rejected the draft amendment, by a recorded vote of 82 to 53, with 24 abstentions.

Before the vote, the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Switzerland, Argentina, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Iceland and Sweden), and South Africa made statements.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Palau and Albania.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.47/Rev.1 as a whole

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 111 to 1, with 64 abstentions.

Before the vote, were made by the representatives of Finland, Costa Rica, Egypt, Norway, Trinidad and Tobago, the Sudan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, the United States and Kenya.

A statement was made by the representative of Kiribati in connection with her vote.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 64 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uruguay made a statement, in which he orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Israel, Japan, Monaco and Palau had joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Australia, Canada, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, the Maldives, the Republic of Korea and Togo joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Oral amendment

The representative of Djibouti, on behalf of the African States, made a statement and proposed an oral amendment to operative paragraph 48 (l) of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the oral amendment contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay in connection with the proposed oral amendment.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee rejected the proposed oral amendment, by a recorded vote of 81 to 66, with 17 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Barbados, Costa Rica, Uruguay (on behalf of the States members of the European Union and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Austria, Palau, Ireland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and Togo.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.24/Rev.1, as orally revised and as a whole

The Chair made a statement.

The representative of Uruguay made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Djibouti and Niger.

The Committee suspended its consideration of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.24/Rev.1, as orally revised and as a whole.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair.

Thursday, 20 November 2014

Security Council

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7317th meeting

United Nations peacekeeping operations

The role of policing in peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding

Letter dated 4 November 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2014/788)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; Mr. Greg Hinds, Police Commissioner of the United Nations Mission in Liberia; Mr. Fred Yiga, Police Commissioner of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan; and Mr. Luis Miguel Carrilho, Police Commissioner of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Ladsous, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Yiga and Mr. Carrilho.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2014/828, submitted by Australia, Chad, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2014/828) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2014/828) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2185 (2014).

A statement was made by the President, Her Excellency Julie Bishop, speaking in her capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda, Luxembourg, the United States, Lithuania, France, Jordan, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Chile, Chad, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, Nigeria and China.

Mr. Hinds, Mr. Yiga and Mr. Carrilho responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

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56th plenary meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: High-level meeting on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [item 64 (a)]

The General Assembly convened its High-level meeting on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The President made a statement.

In accordance with resolution 68/273 of 20 May 2014, Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, made a statement.

The General Assembly, without setting a precedent, decided to invite Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, to make a statement at the meeting on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, made a statement.

In accordance with resolution 68/273 of 20 May 2014, statements were made by Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict; Ms. Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children; Ms. Kirsten Sandberg, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

The General Assembly, without setting a precedent, decided to invite a child representative, Ms. Teyise Dlamini from Swaziland, to make a statement.

Ms. Teyise Dlamini, a child representative from Swaziland, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania (on behalf of the African States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Georgia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Guatemala (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 64.

57th plenary meeting

The situation in Afghanistan [item 37]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/69/540)

(b) Draft resolution (A/69/L.20)

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/69/L.20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland, Serbia and Albania; and the country of the Stabilization and Association process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation (on behalf of the Collective Security Treaty Organization), Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, China, India, Australia, Japan, Spain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Slovakia, Malaysia, Turkey and Latvia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/69/L.20 (resolution 69/18).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 37.

Main Committees

Second Committee

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33rd meeting

The Chair (Italy) of the Committee made a statement.

Groups of countries in special situations: Follow-up to the second United Nations conference on landlocked developing countries [item 22 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.43

The representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution.

Sustainable development [item 19]

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/69/L.8 and A/C.2/69/L.44

The Chair informed the Committee that action on the draft resolutions has been postponed to a later stage.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/69/L.17 and A/C.2/69/L.46

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.46 contained no programme budget implications.

Following a statement by the facilitator (Barbados), the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.46.

In view of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/69/L.9 and A/C.2/69/L.45

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.45 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the facilitator (Peru), in the course of which he orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.45.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.45, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.45, as orally corrected, statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

In view of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.45, as orally corrected, draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 19 (d).

Globalization and interdependence [item 21]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.22

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 120 to 47, with 3 abstentions.

After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Italy (on behalf of the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia) and Australia.

A general statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

A statement was made by the representative of Indonesia with regard to her vote.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 23]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Morocco, in the course of which he announced that Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Jamaica, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda and Turkey had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nepal, Panama, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Turkmenistan and Viet Nam joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Morocco.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair (Italy).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 17 November 2014

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Preparatory Committee
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

2nd meeting

Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 5]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Gabon, Turkey, Germany, Uruguay, Fiji, Sweden, Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, China, Argentina, the Gambia, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Mali, Spain, Cameroon, Togo, Peru, Algeria, South Sudan, Bhutan, Madagascar, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Zambia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana, Zimbabwe and Pakistan.

Statements were made by the observers from the African Union, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Economic Community of West African States, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, and Coordination Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following major groups: business and industry, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, women, children and youth, workers and trade unions, and scientific and technological community.

Tuesday, 18 November 2014

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Preparatory Committee
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3rd meeting

Consideration of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 5]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 5.

The Co-Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Algeria, Sweden, Morocco, Canada, Indonesia, Jamaica, Uruguay, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Australia, Panama, Barbados, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Cuba.

The Preparatory Committee agreed to continue to hold open-ended negotiations on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, with a view to producing a second draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session [item 6]

The Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Andrey Nikiforov (Russian Federation), made a statement, in which he introduced the draft report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC (II)/L.4.

The Committee adopted the draft report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC (II)/L.4, as orally revised, and authorized the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee to finalize the report in light of the proceedings of the closing plenary meeting.

Other matters [item 7]

The Co-Chair made a statement.

The Preparatory Committee decided to hold its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan.

Conclusion of the session [item 8]

Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo, Minister and Head of the National Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador and Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, made a statement, in which she presented a summary on Technical Workshop 1 entitled "Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework".

Mr. Toni Frisch (Switzerland), Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, made a statement, in which he presented a summary on Technical Workshop 2 entitled "Towards the integration of disaster risks in financial regulation".

The summaries on the Co-Chairs' Dialogues with Major Groups were presented by His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), Co-Chair of the Committee.

Closing statements were made by Mr. Yukimoto Ito, Vice-Mayor of Sendai City, Japan, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee and His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, declared concluded the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. New York, 19 December 2011

Signature: France (20 November 2014)

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General information

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His Excellency Harald Braun

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A/69/446 Item 102 — Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

A/69/447 Item 103 — Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

A/69/448 Item 104 — Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

A/69/L.20 Item 37 — The situation in Afghanistan — Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam : draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *21 pages*

A/RES/69/8 Adopted by the General Assembly on 11 November 2014 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

A/RES/69/9 Adopted by the General Assembly on 11 November 2014 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

Second Committee

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